

Mansfield Commission on Aging Agenda
Tuesday, October 12, 2004 2:30 PM – Senior Center

PRESENT: M. Thatcher, B. Acebo, D. Mercier, C. McMillan, P. Secker, K. Grunwald (staff), C. Phillips, P. Hope (staff), K. Doeg, E. Norris
REGRETS: S. Thomas, N. Stevens, J. Brubacher

- I. **Call to Order** – C. Phillips called the meeting to order at 2:40 PM; it was noted that there is an absence of a quorum.
- II. **Appointment of Recording Secretary:** K. Grunwald agreed to take minutes for the meeting.
- III. Acceptance of **Minutes** of the Sept 13, 2004 meeting: minutes were reviewed, but in the absence of a quorum they were not formally accepted.
- IV. **Correspondence** - Chair and Staff : A copy of a letter sent to Greg Haddad nominating Carol Phillips, Kenneth Doeg, and Susanna Thomas was circulated. K. Grunwald will check with the Town Clerk on whether or not Mary Thatcher is officially a member, as recommended.
- V. **Optional Reports** on Services/Needs of Town Aging Populations
 - A. Health Care Services
Wellness Center and Wellness Program - Jean Kenny is still out on medical leave. VNA services have been increased in response to an increased demand.
Mansfield Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation - Jean Kenny: no report.
 - B. Social, Recreational and Educational
Senior Center – P. Hope distributed a copy of her report. She noted that there has been an increase in meal program participation.
Senior Center Assoc. – John Brubacher: no report.
 - C. Housing
Assisted Living Project: It was reported that the LWV will be having a presentation of their Assisted Living report at this month's meeting.
Juniper Hill: B. Acebo reported that the new dining room has not been completed; they have not heard anything on the status of their Assisted Living conversion grant.
Jensen's Park, Other: no report.
 - D. Related Town and Regional Organizations
Com. on Physically and Sensorily Impaired - Mary Thatcher is no longer on this committee.
Senior Resources of Eastern CT: no report.
Town Plan of Conservation and Development – Carol Phillips reported that the group has not met.
Town Community Center: no report.

VI Old Business

Preparation of The Long Range Plan (2004-2014) – K. Grunwald presented a framework to use to evaluate achievement of the existing long-range plan and to use as an outline to create a survey to develop the new plan. It was agreed that individuals would each take one area to evaluate, using the dimensions identified. Assignments:

Physical Environment: E. Norris

Health: C. McMillan

Economy: M. Thatcher

Technology: P. Secker

Safety/Security: K. Doeg

Social/Cultural Environment: C. Phillips

Services/Support: D. Mercier

Transportation: B. Acebo

Resource Planning/Stewardship: tbd

As part of evaluating the plan and creating a new one, the following questions were raised for consideration: where would you get information about this aspect of senior living, are you aware of resources that already exist, would you be interested in considering a shared living arrangement, do you know what's currently available in town, or where to go to get this information (recommendation for a single point of access for information, what services are you currently receiving, what services are you unable to obtain at this time, that you would like to have access to? These and other questions will be developed further to be incorporated into a survey that will be conducted with seniors in Town.

VII New Business: none

VI. Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM

(next meeting set for Monday, **Nov 8** , 2004 at 2:30, Senior Center)